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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 52.0 degrees, 2.0 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 28. Precipitation averaged 1.79 inches, this is 1.32 inches more than the historic level. The Southwest district received the most precipitation with 2.20 inches, while the South Central district received the least at 1.01 inches. Growing degree days were 2 days below normal.

Reporters rated 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 26. This is 2.1 days less than last year and 2.2 days less than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2001	3.2	2.8	138.8
2000	5.3	4.9	131.6
1996-2000 Average	5.4	5.4	146.3

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	7	48	44
Last Week	3	11	59	27
Same Week Last Year	0	3	91	6
1996-2000 Average	5	19	71	5

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

Reporters estimated that 33 percent of the **Corn** crop has been harvested for grain. This is eight days behind both last year and

the 1996-00 average. **Soybeans** are 80 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year and four days behind the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay** fourth cutting is 95 percent complete. This is one day ahead of last year. The **Tobacco** crop is 23 percent stripped. This is one day behind last year. The **Winter Wheat** crop is 86 percent planted. This is three days behind last year and five days behind the 1996-00 average. Sixty-nine percent of the winter wheat crop has emerged. This is one day ahead of last year and the 1996-00 average. **Fall and Winter apples** are 89 percent harvested. This is three days behind last year. **Grapes** are 98 percent harvested.

Activities throughout the state include chisel plowing, spreading lime and fertilizer, winter wheat and rye planting, cutting tobacco, baling hay, repairing equipment, cutting firewood, hauling grain and manure, drying grain, harvesting apples and grapes, pressing cider, harvesting corn silage, corn, and soybean harvesting, pumpkins, Indian corn, squash, and other vegetables harvesting continues.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Rains and hard winds this week delayed much of the corn and soybean harvesting. Many counties reported corn being blown down by high winds during the week. Heavy frosts and a few snow flurries were reported across the state last week. Reported insects included pine seed bugs, ladybugs, squash bugs, and box elder bugs. Reported weed problems include dandelion, jimsonweed, thistles, and poison ivy. Apple harvesting is almost complete with just a few late varieties left.

Reporters rated pasture conditions at 46 percent good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 53 percent in good to excellent condition. The winter wheat crop is rated 58 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. Calves in Harrison County were being weaned while others were hauled to market along with cull cattle.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 28

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	95	94	NA	91	NA
Corn harvested for grain	33	50	48	22	48
Fall and Winter apples harvested	89	90	NA	81	NA
Grapes harvested	98	100	NA	92	NA
Soybeans harvested	80	84	85	71	70
Tobacco stripped	23	23	NA	19	NA
Winter Wheat planted	86	91	92	77	85
Winter Wheat emerged	69	65	68	54	67

**PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	12	31	40	13
Previous Week	4	10	30	43	13
Previous Year	5	19	49	26	26
PASTURE					
Current Week	4	12	38	39	7
Previous Week	3	13	34	41	9
Previous Year	1	6	24	54	15
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	3	7	32	50	8
Previous Week	2	8	30	52	8
Previous Year	0	1	21	63	15

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	49.1	0.0	2.01	1.57	29.57	7.23	33	-6	3196	94
North Central	50.9	1.4	1.94	1.55	23.96	0.83	37	-2	3172	120
Northeast	51.4	2.3	2.01	1.48	20.99	-3.28	36	-2	2928	31
West Central	51.5	1.7	2.16	1.72	33.08	9.32	40	-2	3376	148
Central	52.8	2.6	1.77	1.33	27.05	2.33	44	0	3419	147
Central Hills	51.6	2.5	2.03	1.60	24.92	0.41	41	1	3105	79
Northeast Hills	52.2	2.5	1.72	1.29	22.71	-1.62	40	-2	3120	36
Southwest	52.4	1.3	2.20	1.70	32.97	7.45	44	-5	3550	106
South Central	53.9	2.5	1.01	0.47	25.87	0.82	51	-1	3607	119
Southeast	53.7	3.4	1.22	0.73	26.26	1.34	50	3	3346	63
STATE	<b>52.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>27.07</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>3300</b>	<b>96</b>

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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